

Please rewrite Claims 1 and 12 as follows:

Sub B1 A1
1. (Amended) An apparatus for guiding at least one optical path for an optoelectronic transceiver, said apparatus comprising:

an input interface;

an output interface; and

at least one bent element being disposed between said input and output interfaces;

said at least one bent element being adapted to provide at least one optical path;

said at least one bent element being adapted to avoid premature mechanical failure;

wherein said at least one bent element includes a bending radius of less than about 2.5 mm.

Sub B2 A2 Cont.
12. (Amended) A method of forming apparatus for guiding at least one optical path for an optoelectronic transceiver, said method comprising the steps of:

providing an input interface;

providing an output interface; and

disposing at least one bent element between said input and output interfaces;

adapting said at least one bent element to provide at least one optical path;